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4 September 1958

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Colonel Lansdale re Mobilization  
and Utilization of Foreign Manpower**

**Participants: Gen. C. P. Cabell, DDCI  
Col. E. Lansdale, OSD/Special Op., DOD  
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1. General Cabell and [REDACTED] met with Col. Lansdale in the office of the DDCI at 10:00, Thursday, 4 September 1958.

2. At the outset of the meeting General Cabell commented that he had not yet had time to read the memorandum from CPP, subject: Denied Limited Warfare Planning, dated 3 September 1958.

3. Col. Lansdale stated that there had been increased pressure in the past few days from Mr. Quarles to produce recommendations for increasing the Nation's capabilities in situations which fall short of a declaration of war. The President had specifically requested such recommendations and shown great interest in the problem, and Mr. Quarles was extremely anxious that something be done immediately, indicating that funds would be made available for the implementation of any approved projects. Col. Lansdale stated that he was anxious to begin immediately with some realistic planning for the development of such recommendations.

4. General Cabell stated that from a jurisdictional viewpoint he did not want to see the Department of Defense entering into covert operations through the back door by virtue of such planning but that he did feel that there was a considerable area of overt activity, best described as unorthodox, which would be utilized to increase our national capability. He stated that it was very gratifying to hear of

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Mr. Quarles' strong interest, and that CIA would be glad to assist Defense in the development of such unorthodox capability through advice and experience gained from our covert operations.

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5. At this point [REDACTED] gave a brief summary of the points contained in the memorandum referred to in paragraph 1.

6. General Cabell stated that he did not consider that the PP Staff position or the Department of Defense position were incompatible. He felt that in order to close the so-called gap between guerrilla warfare and overt declared warfare, there was a considerable field of both overt and covert capability which must be developed. Hopefully, the Department of Defense working from one end of the spectrum on the overt side and CIA increasing their capability on the covert side could come together in a successful closing of the gap.

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7. Col. Lansdale asked if [REDACTED] could be designated by the Agency to assist the Defense planners in their development of a program stating that comments and guidance gained from CIA experience would be most helpful to them in insuring that their planning was indeed realistic. General Cabell so authorized, but stated that [REDACTED] was also intimately concerned on the Agency side with the expansion of CIA's covert capability. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would devote as much time as possible to assisting Col. Lansdale's planning group, without unduly neglecting his other responsibilities.

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8. An initial meeting has been arranged to be held in General Erskine's office at 10:00 a. m. , Friday, 5 September 1958, which [REDACTED] will attend.

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